Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Has not the price of the volumes been fixed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—Separate volumes at the rate of Rs. 4 each and all the four volumes together at Rs. 15.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South).*—Will the Legislative Council Members be supplied with a copy each free? (Laughter).

Mr. President.—All the Hon'ble Members should buy a set each. Since they have much to study they ought to have a copy in their possession.

Compositors—Government Press—Complaints from.

102. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received complaints from the compositors of the Government Press in 1112 and 1113 that they are not given sufficient work;

(2) if so, whether these complaints are true and what action if any, have they taken in the matter?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(1) Yes.

(2) On enquiry it has been found that some re-distribution of work is necessary and that has been made.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, is the allegation that they were not given sufficient work true?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—To some extent it was.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Whether the complaint was that some preference was shown to some and they did not get sufficient work?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The complaint really was that on some days they were not getting sufficient work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the entrusting of printing works to outside agencies was at least partly responsible for these complaints?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—No.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—What exactly is meant was "redistribution of work by found necessary and that has been done."

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—Then there was more than sufficient work in one section and less work in other sections and the excess work from one section was never distributed to the other sections. Now it is being done.

Mr. President.—As a matter of fact Government have very serious doubts as to whether the press is worked on economic lines. For my own part I am of opinion that it is worked uneconomically. It is why we are calling in an expert to examine it.

Volunteers—Government Press.

103. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many volunteers are working in the Government Press;

(2) what is the period of service of these volunteers;

(3) during the past three years, how many outsiders were appointed to posts;

(4) on 17th Makaram 1110, 16th Medam 1110 and 6th Mithunam 1110, were peons appointed in preference to volunteers?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—

(1) There are 25 volunteers now working in the Government Press.

(2) Please see statement appended. (*Appendix I*).

(3) One.

(4) There were no appointments of peons on these dates.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*).—Were ever peons appointed in preference to volunteers?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*).—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Wadakkancheri*).—May I know what is the nature of the work done on the voluntary basis?

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